

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print order receipt unit comprising:
 - reading means for reading image data of an image recorded on a recording medium;
 - a display on which said image from said image data read by said reading means is displayed;
 - print order input means for inputting for a print order of said image recorded on the recording medium;
 - a first processing system for displaying said image from said image data read by said reading means on said display and receiving an order instruction from said input means using said displayed image to generate order information;
 - first storage means into which said image data of said image read by said reading means is stored; and
 - a second processing system for storing said image data read by said reading means into said first storage means in parallel with processing by said first processing system,

wherein said order information generated by said first processing system and said image data stored into said first storage means by said second processing system are related to each other and output.

2. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein said image displayed on said display is a small-sized image or a thumbnail image which conforms to a size of a frame image to be displayed for an operation of an order instruction by said input means so that said first processing system can generate said order information.
3. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein said first processing system displays a necessary image in accordance with a format of an image file of the image data of said image read by said reading means on said display.
4. The print order receipt unit according to claim 3, wherein said reading means reads only a header of said image file and said first processing system analyzes only the thus read header to determine said format of said image file.
5. The print order receipt unit according to claim 3, wherein said first processing system displays on said display a thumbnail image when said image file has said thumbnail image, an image obtained by resizing a non-

compressed image data when said image file has said non-compressed image data where the thumbnail image is not recorded, and an image obtained by decompressing and resizing compressed image data when said image file has said compressed image data where the thumbnail image is not recorded.

6. The print order receipt unit according to claim 5, wherein the resized image is a small-sized image or the thumbnail image which conforms to a size of a frame image to be displayed for an operation of an order instruction by said input means so that said first processing system can generate said order information.

7. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein second storage means to store the image displayed on said display is provided in addition to said first storage means to store the image data of said image provided in said second processing system so that said first processing system can generate the order information.

8. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein said first storage means is external storage means provided separately from a main unit including said reading

means, said display, said input means and said first processing system.

9. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein a printing distribution device including said first storage means and said second processing system is provided separately from a main unit including said reading means, said display, said input means and said first processing system.

10. The print order receipt unit according to claim 9, wherein said printing distribution device further includes image selection means in which an image corresponding to said order information that was generated by said first processing system of a main unit is selected and image data of the selected image is read out from said first storage means.

11. The print order receipt unit according to claim 9, wherein plural main units are connected to one printing distribution device.

12. The print order receipt unit according to claim 9, wherein plural digital photo printers are connected to a

printing distribution device including at least said second processing system.

13. The print order receipt unit according to claim 8, wherein plural main units are connected to one external storage means.

14. The print order receipt unit according to claim 1, wherein plural digital photo printers are connected to a main unit including at least said second processing system.